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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF US-CANADA RECIPROCAL FISHING AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 076750; (B) STATE 083518

1. NOTES EXTENDING AGREEMENT FOR 14 DAYS EXCHANGED
AT 4:30 P.M. APRIL 24. ORIGINALS OF CANADIAN NOTE
(ENGLISH AND FRENCH TEXTS) AND CERTIFIED COPY OF
U.S. NOTE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT PER PARA 6
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2. EXTAFF (APPLEBAUM) INFORMED EMBASSY THAT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT WILL ISSUE PRESS RELEASE
QUOTED BELOW WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH
DEPARTMENT (BLOW, S/FW) BY PHONE.

BEGIN VERBATIM TEXT: THE RECIPROCAL FISHING
PRIVILEGES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED
STATES, WHICH EXPIRES ON APRIL 24, HAS BEEN EXTENDED
FOR TWO WEEKS TO MAY 8, 1974, FISHERIES MINISTER
JACK DAVIS ANNOUNCED TODAY. THE AGREEMENT PERMITS
FISHERMEN OF EACH COUNTRY TO CONDUCT SPECIFIED
FISHERIES WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION
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OF THE OTHER COUNTRY. "AN UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN

REACHED TO EXTEND THIS AGREEMENT FOR A FURTHER YEAR,"
DAVIS SAID "BUT A SNAG HAS DEVELOPED ON THE UNITED
STATES SIDE REQUIRING SOME FURTHER CLARIFICATION
BEFORE WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF
ONE YEAR."

THE DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN BECAUSE OF A LEGAL
DISPUTE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
AND THE STATE OF ALASKA REGARDING THE POSITION OF
THE BASELINE DEFINING THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE UNITED
STATES INTERNAL WATERS IN THE COOK INLET AREA OF
ALASKA. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS PRESSING THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF
THEIR INTERNAL PROBLEM. THE SHORT-TERM EXTENSION
WILL GIVE UNITED STATES OFFICIALS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
PROCEED WITH LEGAL MEASURES TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE
ISSUE AND WILL AFFORD FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR
CONSULTATIONS WITHIN CANADA. END VERBATIM TEXT.
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